

Ben Franklin, Tex.  
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Miss Fannie Wilson  
Dear Girl

Your letter of the 12 inst  
is just received and I was  
very glad to hear from  
you. Well you wanted  
to know something about  
my being under arrest and  
I will tell you all about  
it. I was at a dance at Mr  
Shannons and one of my  
friends was about to  
get into it with another  
boy who was drunk  
and I saw the drunk  
fellow with his knife  
open and when I tried

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to separate them the drunk  
fellow made a break at me  
and we had a little round  
The(y) took me up and tried  
me and I came clear but  
it cost me ten dollars  
Sawyer's fee and how  
well that's all I believe about that  
you said I did not answer your  
last letter I write 2 since  
I heard from you I just  
received two letters  
Well is no use to tell you  
how well I love you for I  
have told you so much  
until you don't believe it  
But I love you better than  
any girl that I ever seen

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But you won't tell me  
that you love me I will  
get out of heart some time  
if you don't tell me some  
time God in heaven  
knows that I love you  
better than any girl  
I ever seen in my life

but you don't seem to  
believe it I hope you  
will believe it some  
time you think more of  
John Miller than you  
do me don't you  
Well I'll see you in  
6 months from now  
if I live Please tell  
me who is waiting  
on Ada Hartsfield

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Well as it is getting  
late I will close

hoping to hear  
from you soon

it is sweet to love  
But O how better to  
love a girl and then  
can't get her

J. H. Lewis  
John Henry Lewis

Good by by  
sweet one

please send me your picture

I'll see you some  
time